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Man Is the Weaker Sex When Tempted by Enlightened Eve-How Some Heedless Women Bring Scandal Upon Themselves Queer Ideas of Right and Wrong. Copyright, 1882, by American Press Associa-



HEN there is a scanan I will always stand. by her and blame the 2 man," said a most estimable lady to me recently. "My sym-

pathies always rest with her." Not long ago a worthy woman expressed a similar sentiment to a representative of the press. "I always stand by my own sex," she

This is all very noble in a way, no doubt, but none of us ought to stand by the woman who feeds her husband on ground glass or murders him in his sleep,

The unmarried girl who first brings scandal upon herself is the one who invariably needs our sympathy rather than the man in the case. Whatever her boldness or folly, his superior knowledge of human nature and the world should constitute him her protector. The father, brother or male friend who; and lets her go free to reform her ways shows a commendable discrimination." But the married society woman who not famous for flashing wit and brilliant forgets herself is quite another being. | repartee, neither are the rank and file of

enlightened Eve. The married society belle knows exmire and upon the defenseless children, who were forgotten in their mother's

I have a theory that a really strong man is never cursed by a faithless wife. A young husband who killed his wife's lover wired home to her parents, "Bessie" is vindicated." The tragedy becomes a who were continually wet blanketing farce when the man whom a vain, selfish wife has forced to become a murderer talks about "vindicating her."

No wife is obliged to receive compromising attentions. It is difficult to understand why she is not quite as culpable as the lover in the case when she encourages these attentions until they

who is allowed to do everything she wants to do, to have everything her ty" had done their work. fancy craves, to never know a wish un-

Quite different is the case of the ro-

dear to a refined woman.

After years of this heart famine a friend has said her eyes are just the to her music with delight because he said her toice soothed and rested him. It is all so easy to drift down stream after that with no thought of evil until

caught by the fatal maelstrom of human our sympathy which would be poorly bestowed upon the selfish daughter of wealth and fashion, who seeks a new diversion in flirtation, and give it to the tried and sorely tempted, lonely wife of the faithless or indifferent husband who forgot his marriage vows with the waning of the honeymoon and left his wife , the clatter of a carpet sweeper, the clickto find diversion as she might. Such as the need the pity of men, women and

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WHY DO WOMEN LACK "HUMOR" It Is "Snubbed" Out of Many Women in Early Life.

One of the brightest women whom I know recently deplored in print the lack of a "sense of humor" in women. She speaks of this sense as generally a monopoly of men-notably of newspaper While I admit that men laugh and joke more than women do as a class, I do not believe that they have more natural wit or a quicker sense of the Indicrons. The seriousness and gravity of most women are primarily the result of early snubbing; secondarily, of the lonely lives which most of them live after marriage.

As to the first cause: I Monder if there is a girl in the world with the least sense of fun, the least love of rational laughter and merriment, who does not continually hear "What a rattlebrain! Is anything sacred from your funmaking?" or, "How can you find so much to laugh at? You laugh just like a boy!" or, "I do believe you'd see something funny in a funeral!" or, worst of all, "Those who laugh while they are young must cry when they are old!"

I never noticed any unusual gravity in girl babies, or that they gurgle and laugh less than boys. Indeed the two very merriest, jolliest, most rollicking babies I ever knew were girls. But quite possibly they grew up to be two of the "slow" wives whom their husbands find so dull company. The con fined and restrained lives which are laid out for most girls are of themselves saddening. An occasional walk, ball or party, in all of which there is more or less restraint, does not have the inspiriting, enlivening effect of the everyday

freedom which the boy enjoys. If a girl is born in a poor family her constant need of drudging indoors is enough to kill her funmaking proclivities; if she is born to money the artificialities and formalities of her life soon destroy all her spontaneity. The so called "best society," which regards a earty laugh as a vulgarity and the natural expression of any emotion as a sign of ill breeding, cannot be supposed shoots the misleader of a single woman a very hotbed for the propagation of original wit and humor; and it may safely be said that if society women are

In this age of woman's progress man, society men famous for the sparkle and is the weaker sex when tempted by the irresistibility of their original humor. My merriest schoolmate (I had boy schoolmates, too) was a girl; not simactly what she is about when she tempts | ply a laughing girl, laughing as all and teases his emotions. She knows young creatures rejoice until cured by where safe and respectful admiration | time or training, but a born humoristceases and the desire for possession be- witty herself and the cause of wit in gins. If the love of conquest and ex- others. In her inspiring presence the citement urges her on to play with fire dull and grave awoke to vivacity and until she is burned, it does not seem to liveliness and the brilliant became dazme that she merits our profound sym- | zling. I have known some men humorpathy. It is better bestowed upon the lists, and I admired and appreciated husband whose name is dragged in the | them, but not one of them was quicker to see a droll possibility, more ingenious in turning a funny sentence, more inexhaustible in resource, more constantly a-bubble with wit than that girl whom nobody ever heard of, excepting her schoolmates (not six of whom knew how to admire her) and the grown up friends

Unfortunately hers was a rich family, and she was early put into the crimping and fluting machine of "good breeding" and etiquette, trained for that sort of "society" which looks on all originality as eccentricity, "and eccentricity is such bad form, you know!" Years after I met her again. What was she? A ma-But it is the cause which leads to this | chine with the springs taken out; a bobosort of crime, which needs attacking | link taught to sing fashionable music; a rather than the people who become its | beautiful, lifeless creature to put fine clothes on, to take to the opera, to be The beautiful daughter of wealth possibly betrayed into a well bred smile. The snafflebit and checkrein of "socie-

And how is it with the poorer girl? - If gratified, and whose parents and friends | she lives at home she must manage and pride themselves on the fact that she is contrive and help her overworked care free and possessed of every blessing | mother; the very labor of living is delife can offer-this sort of girl is just pressing. If she supports herself and the one who as a wife will think herself others, her life is a fight; her only assoentitled to the admiration she craves, ciates are girls as poor and dreadfully in no matter what people say about it. | earnest as herself; there is small chance Never having been taught the beauty of | for the cropping out of fun in a working self denial in any way, how can her | girl's humdrum existence. If she marparents expect her to deny herself this | ries a poor man there is the same old most fascinating amusement? Never grind, with added responsibilities, prehaving taught her to use will power or occupying and depressing. For years self control, how can they expect her to she is either alone all day for six days develop it after marriage? Having been out of seven, or she has only the comallowed a constant change of pleasures | panionship of small children, who, how- painting led her to take special lessons all her life, how can they expect her to ever merry they may be, do not call out in the art. A year ago she located at be satisfied without a variety of lovers | much rivalry of wit and repartee. She | Grand Forks, N. D., where she has exemay have the wittiest husband in the world, but she sees him only in the mantic, admired girl, who finds herself | morning, when he is hurrying to get transformed into the neglected wife of away to his work, or at night, when he an indifferent husband. He is engrossed | comes home tired and subdued by in business and club life, and the brief the work of the day-at neither time he passes at home is spent in sleep of which times is even a witty the arrangement easily. Get strips of man apt to scintillate to any what the painters call molding with a He is considered a "good fellow" among great extent. He may be one of those deep slot in it. An end view of it will men, but he is niggardly in money mat- very newspaper men who, are so ters with his wife, and entirely omits | good comrades in the office; if so, he the small attentions and courtesies so has been for the most of the day, even

though hard at work at his desk, in an atmosphere of mental electricity, if one thoughtful, sympathetic friend comes | may say so; he has had that impetus into her life. "His delicate compliments | and incentive which is so provocative of sound like the lost chord to her woman's | wit and sprightly thought, the attrition heart. She had thought there was no of kindred minds; quips, quirks, puns, use in trying to look pretty since no one | bright sayings and apt retorts have been noticed her appearance any more. There passing under his eyes and exploding in was no use in keeping up her music | his ears all day, continually suggesting since no one cared to hear her play. But others, and keeping him constantly on she looks in the mirror with a flush of his metal. But even newspaper men pleasure now because her husband's are sometimes tired at night, and it is doubtful if even the veriest clown is color of English violets, and she turns very funny in the bosom of his family. Probably the wife of a funny man hears less of his fun than any other of his ac-

quaintances. A very old book inquires, "How can one be warm alone?" But it is easier to be warm alone than to be witty alone. Oh, the pity of it all! Let us save Wit is eminently a social instinct; the funniest man mopes if shut up alone where no one hears his fun. And it is more than probable that his sense of humor would suffer serious eclipse or total extinction if for ten hours every day for a series of years he heard nothing funnier than the rattle of crockery, clack of a sewing machine and the racket and crying of children. ELIZABETH AKERS.

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It was a scrap of conversation overheard in the street. Although the criticism was made laughingly, it betrayed the fact that the speaker was neither kind nor refined, as the other woman's shoulder blades betrayed her age; but it hinted at one of the secrets of a youthful looking figure. The back should be straight; I don't

mean the spine—that contains a curve in the most erect figure; but the line across the back from shoulder to shoulder. A stick laid across here should touch all the way along. The line of beauty is straight here, for a change.

The muscles of the back are like elastics: they should spring back into place, they grow weak from age, the shoulder blades fall away from the spine and throw the shoulders forward, and the edges of the blades stick out, making the back round in a fat person and angular in a thin one, and always broad

"spreading." The comparison to elastic is not perhaps the best one, since elastic wears out from use, while a muscle becomes

stronger and tanter by use: What backboards did for a past generation was to keep the back flat, but there are better ways now. The point is to exercise the muscles and not let them get flabby. This is the secret of the fact that many women who have worked hard all their lives and who might be expected to be worn out are what is called "spry" and young looking. Bed making and sweeping and any work that uses the arms without having to bend over develop the muscles of the back and tend to make the shoulder blades when at rest return to. their normal position. Sedentary work, in which the hands are used in one position, as sewing or writing, draws the shoulders forward. The woman who does not need to work, if she happens to be too indolent to exercise for the love of it, and to incline to easy chairs and morning naps, will pay the same penalty and will need to look to it that her

Any one can correct this tendency, however, if she will. Dumbbells are grand exercise for the back. To swing them with the arms straight you must stand upright. When they meet behind the back, still standing upright, the shoulder blades seem to shut in like

But if you haven't five minutes a day to spend in this way don't give up, like Mrs. Dombey, without an effort. You can at least go through the motion of throwing the shoulders back fifty times a day. It takes no time, for you can do it sitting, standing or walking, and a determined effort of the will to keep them back will soon pass into a habit. M. H. F. LOVETT.

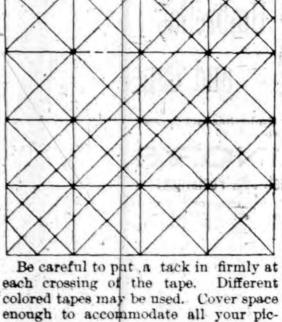
A Dakota Artist. Among the struggling geniuses of the sunlit plains of far North Dakota is a little dark eyed Boston girl, whose landscape and scenic painting have won her rich encomia. Emma R. Gary was born in Boston, Feb. 28, 1870, and re-



ceived her education at Leavenworth, Kan., whither her people went with the westward tide. An early inclination for cuted many oil paintings of real merit.

How to Arrange Photographs on a Wall. Don't nail them or paste them up. You will injure the wall and the photographs and will not be able to change look like this:

on your wall and stand the photographs somber and picturesque, and is espein the slot. Or, if you don't want the cially striking at the obsequies of some pictures in rows, cover that part of the great personage, such as M. Theirs, wall which you want to use with a Gambetta or Victor Hugo. Nobody crisscross or lattice work of strong not even the nearest relative of the de-



tures and slip the corners under the

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Many Styles of Lamps. A Painful Operation. cannot too highly estimate the A farmer shaving is one of the most comfort and enjoyment derived from a

painful sights ever witnessed outside downright butchery. For some reason clears bright light. This particularly beyond the present depth of knowledge applies to the beautiful lamps that are the man who "beards" in the country now so fashionable, and which occupy always has a beard like a new hair- such a prominent place in the stock of brush, and he can never learn how to dealers in house furnishings. sharpen a razor. He gets on the back porch with his shaving atensils, and after rubbing the razor over the strop in est ingenuity and taste is exercised in an awkward fashion until whatever their manufacture and decoration. They trace of edge it may have had has been | are shown in brass, wrought iron, gold destroyed he hangs up his broken glass, and silver lacquered, beaten copper, and takes a position alongside the china, silver, gold and glass, and of kitchen door, where the old lady will be every conceivable design. The number sure to jostle his arm when she goes out and variety of shades is simply bewil-

to empty her dishwater. With a brush that has but little handle remaining he manages to stir up a lot of lather from soap that would raise a blister on the bottom of a boy's foot, and with this he coats his face till nothing lamb. Red is a predominant color, notbut his eyes and the back of his head are withstanding the fact that it is very tryvisible. With his thumb dipped in ing to the eyes, yellow being much more warm water he goes over the stubble acceptable. Then there are some beauagain with a vigor that makes his flesh creep, until he feels that all reasonable green, lavender and pale blue. The precantions for comfort in the subsequent operations have been taken.

Taking the razor and looking at it suspiciously over the top of his glasses, he runs his thumb along the edge, fails to ing the shade, or of lace of a harmonizdraw blood as he had hoped, and then ing color. with a sigh grabs himself by the nose, shuts his eyes and gives a scrape that makes his hair stand on end, as a burch as well as flowers of every description, of bristles seems to come out by the mots. | with a few leaves and buds. These are

But, once at it, a terrible desperation | placed at the side of a lamp on the wall

Agin Wimmin's Rites.

country's freedom. Of course that fa-

mous declaration regarding the coupli-

angered his conservative listeners.

fired mad! (Spits to the right of him.)

sensical talk o' votin an stick tu th ir

Christian mothers, an our boys'll come

Alas! thought I, if Mother Follinsby

Boiled Milk and Infant Mortality.

ments of physiologists tend to show that

boiled milk is more digestible than un-

cooked milk, and that, in fact, the in-

fants who can digest the latter better

100, has been reduced to an average of

10 out of every 100 in all the depart-

ments in which the Roussel law has

been diligently enforced. In the De-

partment of the Eure that mortality a

with boiled milk. It may be allowable

to suppose that the use of boiled milk is

one factor in the diminution of mortal-

ity in infants brought up on the bottle.

The only case in which there would ap-

pear reason for not boiling the milk is

when the animal which furnishes the

milk is well known, and there can be no

doubt about its apparently perfect state

How Long to Stay in the Water.

should be taken at least once a week

during the year, and oftener through

minutes for women, depending upon

A thorough bath of the entire person

of health .- Paris Revue Scientifique.

few years ago was but 7 in 100.

It may be said that most of the experi-

I was at a recent celebration of our

seems to nerve him, and, with his teeth and greatly enhance its appearance.set, he goes right on with a determina- House Furnishing Review. tion to get the agony over as soon as and then as an expression that poisons life steals over his face and stops there till the last nerve has been pulled out

Then, and only then, with a sigh of lers attracted my attention. I pricked relief, he strikes up a hymn of thanksgiving and joyfully throws his shaving an question, which will not down, that paper into the ash pit near by .- Chicago | was causing the disturbance. State did

the last bit of stubble has been laid

Benefits of Bicycle Riding. Among the main reasons which bicycle riders give for their choice of loco- of course he favored our cause. This motion are the following:

ful sport, and a wheel is good company. The wheel is a time saving machine, and in this busy age time is money. Exercise on the wheel is better than

walking, because the weight of the body | Dam it all! Let 'em quit all this nonis principally supported by the saddle. Strength is economized and the exertion of force distributed more generally throughout the muscles of the legs, arms and body, and equal results in progress reached by far less exertion, or proportionately greater results by the same exertion. In other words, the er's" (Rolls over his huge quid and spits wheelman rides ten miles in an hour again. with less fatigue than he would walk four in the same time, because in walking almost all the muscular exertion is thrown on the legs.

Few people breathe properly. They use only the upper portion of the lungs and leave a large residuum of impure air. in Boston Woman's Journal Bicycle riding causes thorough respiration and tones up the general circulation. It is particularly beneficial to men and women of sedentary habits. and gives them such exhilarating pleasure that they do not feel the labor involved.-New York Ledger.

A Small Piece of Justice. In a small town not many miles from Erie, Pa., there was a case before the justice of the peace that was settled very summarily.

It appears that a Mr. Jones had beaten Mr. Brown's dog with a club for chasing his chickens. They met at the office of the justice, each accompanied by a lawyer, and bound to see the thing through, no matter what it cost. As Jones and Brown were prominent citizens of the own a large crowd assembled at the trial, expecting to hear some great oratory from the lawyers.

The justice was a very pompous and ignorant old fellow, who was great on big words, no matter whether appropriate or not. The case was called, the witnesses who had seen the clubbing gave their testimony, and Jones' lawyer arose to open for his client, when the

'Hold on, Mr. Lawyer, there is no ase argifying or condisputing about this matter, as there is no case of assessity for it. Mr. Jones was highly unwrong n beating Mr. Brown's dog, so I fine him ten dollars for cruelty to dumb animals, and that is all there is about it." -Detroit Free Press.

An Impressive Part of a Funeral. A very beautiful and impressive adunct to an aristocratic official Parisian funeral is the presence in the procession of the coupe of the deceased, the horse or horses, led by grooms in mourning liveries, and the lanterns lighted and veiled in long streamers of semitrans-Nail these strips, as many as you need, parent crape. The effect is at once funct, is permitted to occupy the vehicle. -Paris Letter.

> A Bright Four-year-old. The clergyman was a guest at dinner one day. Cream was offered him with his dessert, but he declined, gallantly saying "that would be painting the lily." A few days later Hattie's aunt, who had artistic tastes, sent the child to pick for her a brilliant lily which she wished to copy. The little four-yearold started on the errand, but as she reached the foot of the piazza steps she turned, looked up at her aunt and said, "Would you paint the lily?"-New York

> A Case of Convenience. Dashaway-Why don't you wear your diamond pin in your Ascot tie? It's Travers—It may be proper, but it isn't always convenient.—Clothier and Fur-

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"Why, do you know," said Colonel Those made on wire frames add a Graham the other day, "there are no great deal to the appearance of any cigars in Indiana so rank as those that are smoked in New Jersey. They are the brand that will kill vegetation, and I always carry a cigar or two to give away on the smoking car. Why, it's tiful shades of pink, sea green, pea enough to make a man fretful.

wire foundations are of several sizes and shapes-round, octagon and squareand are trimmed with deep flounces, of the real or imitation silk used in mak-Flat shades are of all kinds and shapes banners, shields, tambourines-

"Pardon me, sir, but may I trouble you for a light!"

"Sure, Mike," replied the man, and he handed Colonel Graham a cigar that had just been lighted. Colonel Graham carefully lighted his own cigar, and with apparent absentmindedness tossed the other out of the window

ty (?) of all was read from a flower beof the socket by that terrible razor and | decked and flag draped platform. After the orator of the day had finished his grandiloquence a group of excited talkup my ears, for I found 'twas the womnel gave him and said: "Looks pretty good. Better'n mine, not like the speaker's utterances on the

question. He had to say something, for it cannot be ignored at the present day, "That eigar cost twenty-five dollars a and being a young man and progressive, hundred, and is pretty fair, I think." replied the colonel.

One of these, a rough visaged old end off. Then he leaned over and sail man, whom I will call Father Follinsby, "Will you give me a light now!" excitedly exclaimed: "Hang it all! this Colonel Graham offered his eigar. wimmin's rites business makes me all The man lighted his own from it with chuckles of satisfaction. Then he leaned back comfortably and tossed Colone Graham's cigar out of the window. kniftin an a razin o' families; let 'em be

"Don't," said the man. "When I think left of him.) Yes, I say, let 'em be good of the tariff on cigars I go into a trance and I'm not responsible for what I do out all right; they'll du the right voin Let me offer you one of my cigars," and when brung up by good Christian mothhe pulled out one of the three dollar a hundred brand and handed it to Colonel

is a "good Christian mother," ave if she is a saint from heaven-can she counteract heredity and the daily influence of that foul mouthed tobacco spitter? Echo answers, "Can she?"-Fanny L. Fancher he was off the car.

Colonel Graham returned to New system was shattered. Hereafter he will ride in the drawing room car and smoke cigarettes.—New York Sun

than the former are the exception and not the rule. The mortality of children brought up on the bottle has lessened Bloomfield Avenue. for some years past in considerable proportions. This mortality, which formerly reached the figure of 90 out of every

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great part to the supervision of nurses Nots, Book-Shelves and Cases required by the Roussel law, Never-Brackets, Looking Glasses, Etc theless it must be noted that the superiority of boiled milk has been assented to by most physicians, and that they OIL CLOTH, CARPET LINING, MATTING. more and more require the nurses whom they superintend to feed their charges

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When Colonel Graham, of Posey county, Ind., left town for Trenton yesterday he put in his pocket two of the best imported cigars that he could buy. The colonel is a confirmed cigarette The number and variety of lamps thus smoker, but he always carries cigars for displayed is astonishing, and the greatself protection when he travels. Since he left Posev county he has developed a discriminating nose for tobacco. A rank cigar makes him more peevish than "knees" in his tronsers. There are few smokers of bad cigars who will not throw away a half burned stump to accept one of the colonel's good cigars, dering, among which may be found with the graceful apology that always "harmonies" in vellow and "symphonies"

Colonel Graham's seat in the smoker was shared vesterday by a man with no taste in tobacco. He sniffed contemptuonsly at the colonel's cigarette, and puffed contentedly at a very bad cigar with a dark, shiny wrapper, Colonel Graham was growing seasick. He threw away his cigarette, and drawing a cigar from his pocket said to the man beside

"Well, I'll be"-"No. don't," interrupted Colonel Circu ham, "I really wasn't thinking what I was doing. Please accept one of my cigars and permit me to offer an airedogy. I am very absentminded- at time. The man looked at the eigar the colo

I guess. I pay three dollars a hundred

"H'm " said the man as

good Christian mothers. (Spits to the

"Why, you"-"Now, don't, I say," interrupted the man. "This is my station, but you can get a light from the man in front. Much obliged for your smoke. Goodby," and

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